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PROFILES OF FELONY OFFENDERS IN MONTANA

A Report Prepared for the Criminal Justice and Corrections Advisory Council

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide information about inmate admissions and the current inmate population in Montana. Profiles are provided which show information on race, marital status, age, crime type, probation revocations, dangerous/nondangerous designation, criminal history, and county of sentencing.

Some of the information is categorized by crime type. Crime categories are: murder, sex crimes, robbery, assault, larceny, burglary, fraud (including forgery and bad check writing), other property crimes, drug crimes, and other crimes.

The source of the data presented in this report is the Adult Criminal Information System (ACIS). Information in greater detail is also available.

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FIGURE 1

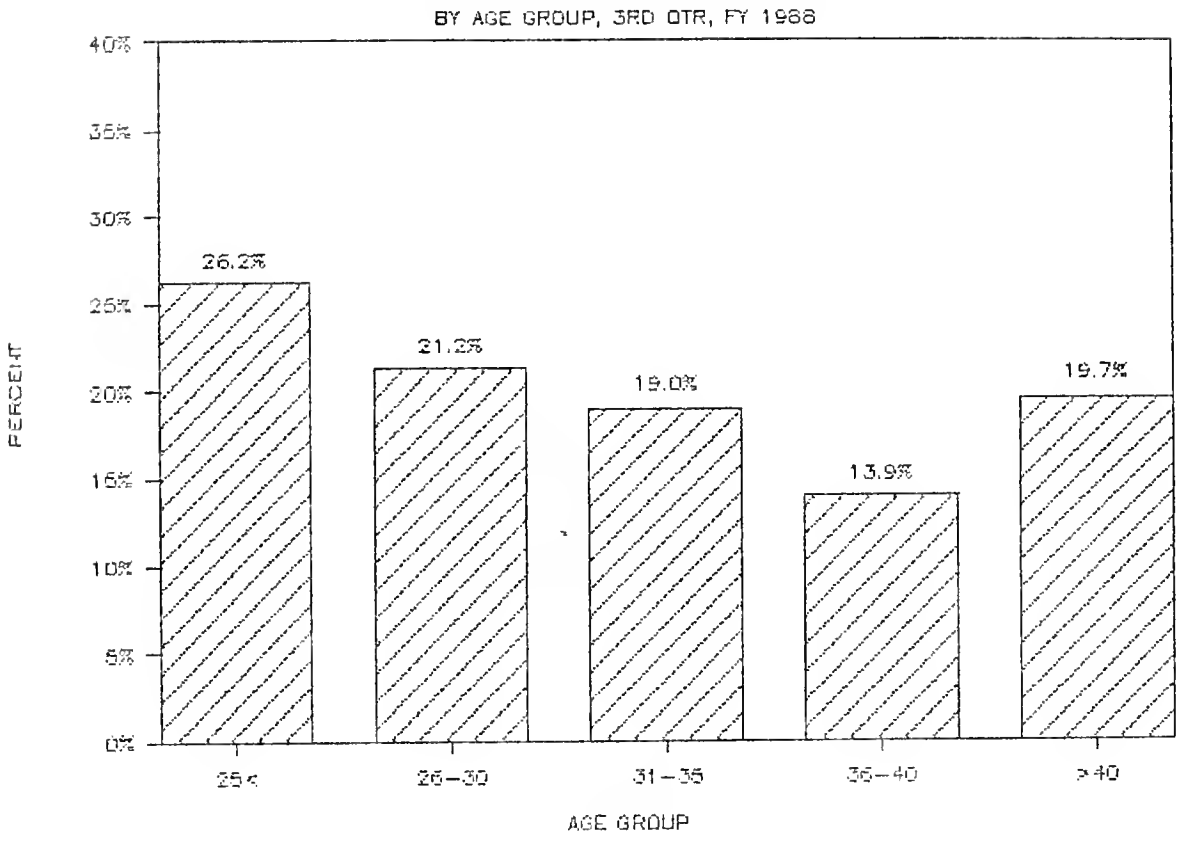

TABLE 1
CURRENT INMATE POPULATION
BY SEX AND AGE GROUP
3RD QTR, FY 1988

Sex	25<	26-30	31-35	36-40	>40	TOTAL
Males	306	244	224	165	224	1163
Females	11	13	6	3	14	47
Total	317	257	230	168	238	1210

- Young offenders comprise the bulk of prison populations: 47.4 percent of Montana's inmate population is thirty years of age or younger.
- About 26 percent of Montana's state population is between the ages of 15 and 30.

FIGURE 2

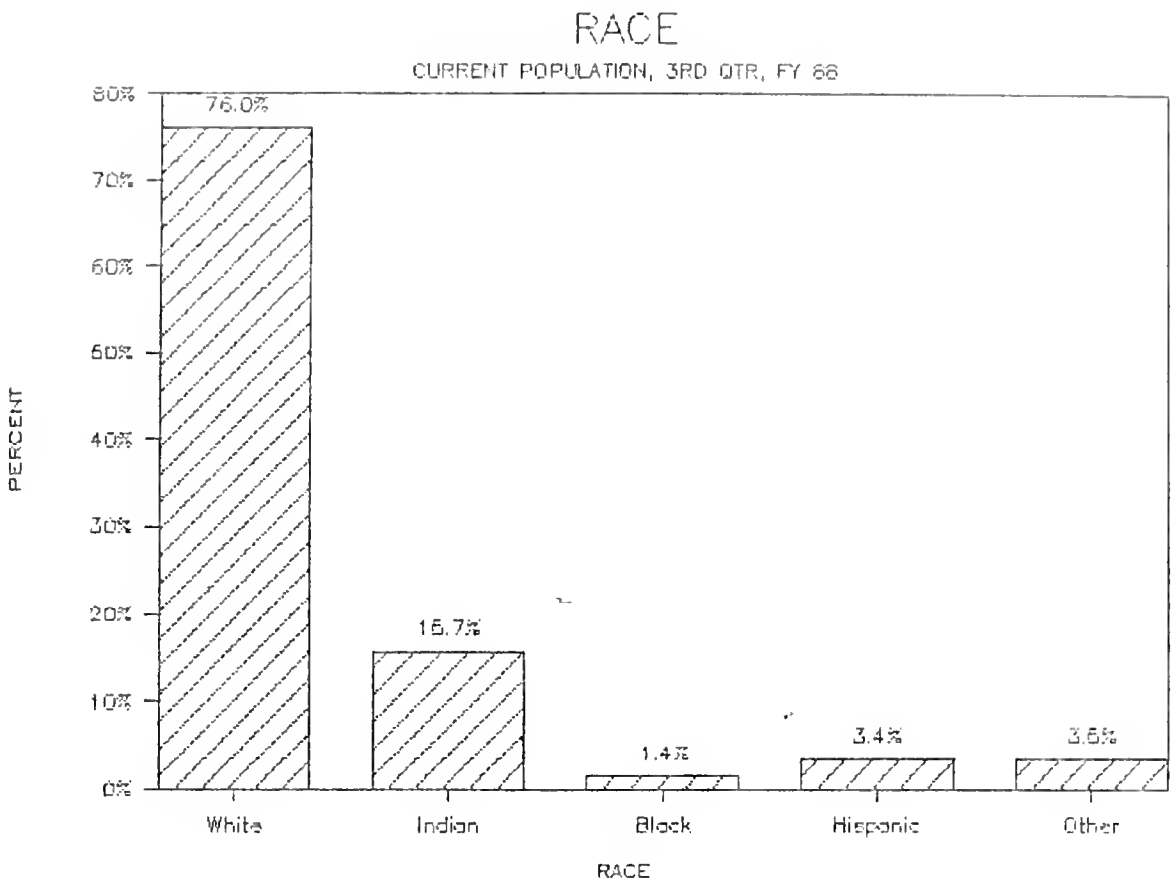

TABLE 2
RACE OF INMATES
CURRENT INMATE POPULATION
3RD QTR, FY 88

Race	Inmates	Percent
White	920	76.0%
Indian	190	15.7%
Black	17	1.4%
Hispanic	41	3.4%
Other	42	3.5%
Total	1210	100.0%

- In 1980 for those 15 years of age and older in Montana, 94.1 percent were White; 4.7 percent were Native American; 0.2 percent were Black.

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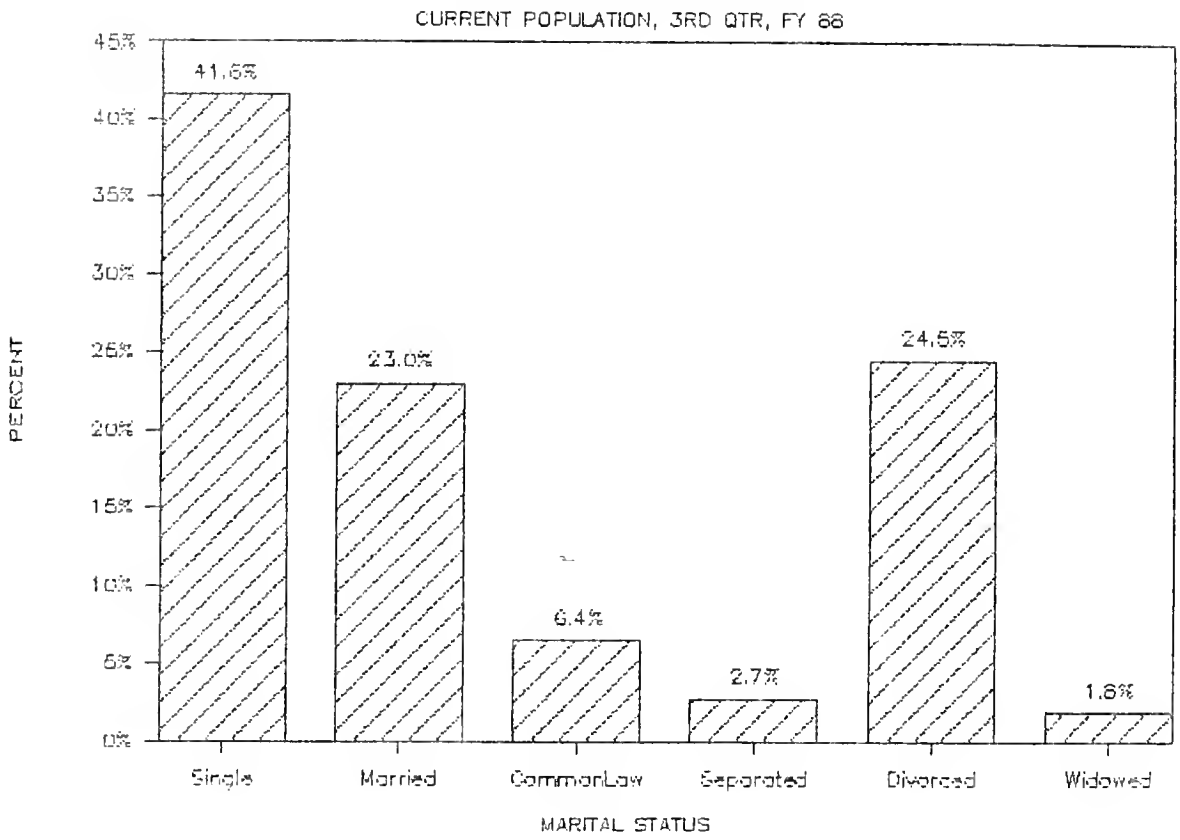

TABLE 3
MARITAL STATUS OF INMATES
CURRENT INMATE POPULATION
3RD QTR, FY 1988

Status	Inmates	Percent
Single	503	41.6%
Married	278	23.0%
Common Law	78	6.5%
Separated	33	2.7%
Divorced	296	24.5%
Widowed	22	1.8%
Total	1210	100.0%

- In 1980 for males 15 years of age and older in Montana, 29.1 percent were single; 61.9 percent were married; 0.8 percent were separated; 5.9 percent were divorced; and 2.2 percent were widowed.

FIGURE 4

PROBATION REVOCATION ADMISSIONS

ADMISSIONS AND CURRENT POPULATION

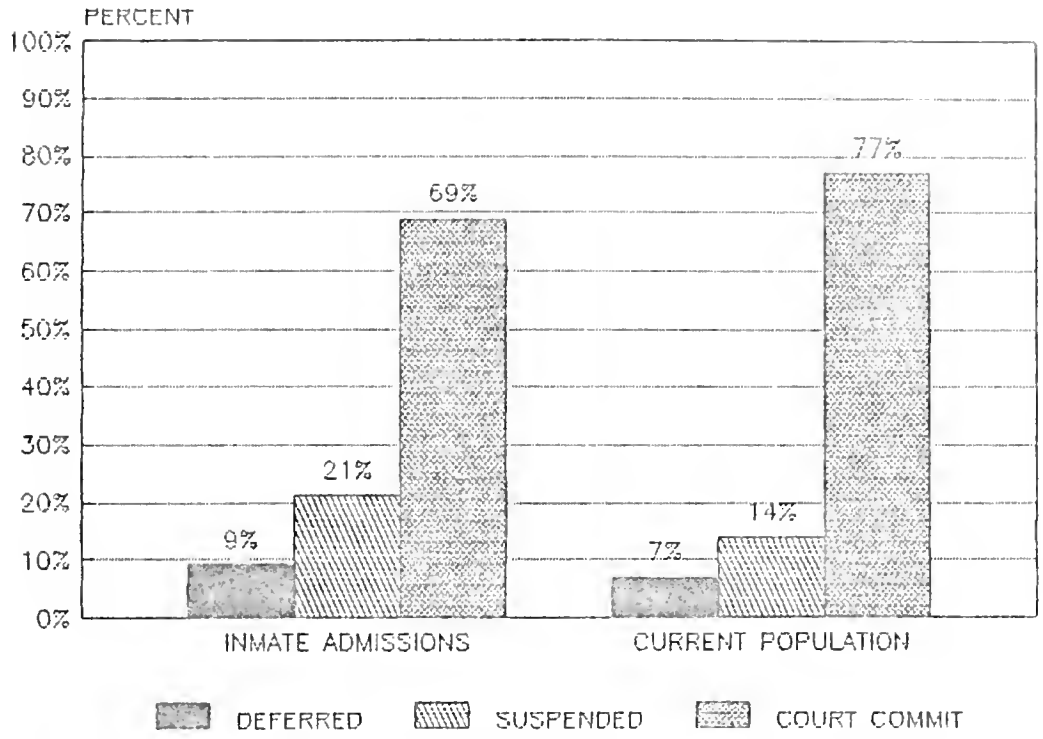

TABLE 4

PROBATION REVOCATIONS

REVOKED DEFERRED, REVOKED SUSPENDED,AND COURT COMMITMENT

ADMISSIONS AND CURRENT POPULATION

	Inmate Admissions		Current Population	
	Inmates	Percent	Inmates	Percent
Revoked Deferred	38	8.8%	88	7.3%
Revoked Suspended	92	21.3%	168	13.9%
Court Commitment	298	69.0%	930	76.9%
Total	428	99.1%	1186	98.1%

FIGURE 5

DANGEROUS/NONDANGEROUS DESIGNATION

CURRENT POPULATION, 3RD QTR, FY 1988

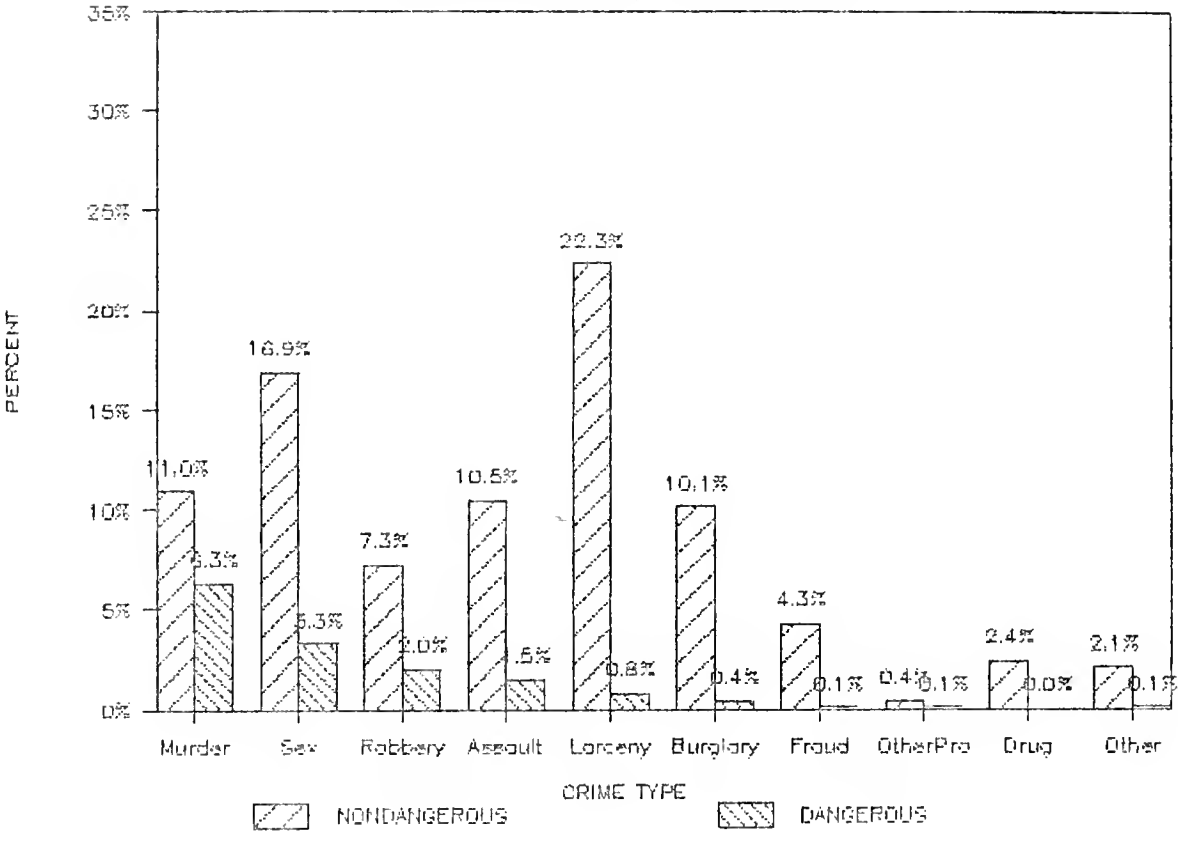

TABLE 5

DANGEROUS/NONDANGEROUS DESIGNATION
BY CRIME TYPE FOR CURRENT INMATE POPULATION
3RD QTR, FY 1988

	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ast	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
Nondangerous	130	201	86	124	265	120	51	5	29	25	1036
Dangerous	75	39	24	18	10	5	1	1	0	1	174
Total	205	240	110	142	275	125	52	6	29	26	1210

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o 89.7 percent of inmates with a dangerous designation are convicted of murder, sex crimes, robbery, or assault.

Note:
'Mur'= Murder
'Sex'= Sex Crimes
'Rob'= Robbery
'Ass'= Assault
'Lar'= Larceny
'Bur'= Burglary
'Fra'= Fraud
'OtP'= Other Property
'Dru'= Drug Crimes
'Oth'= Other Crimes

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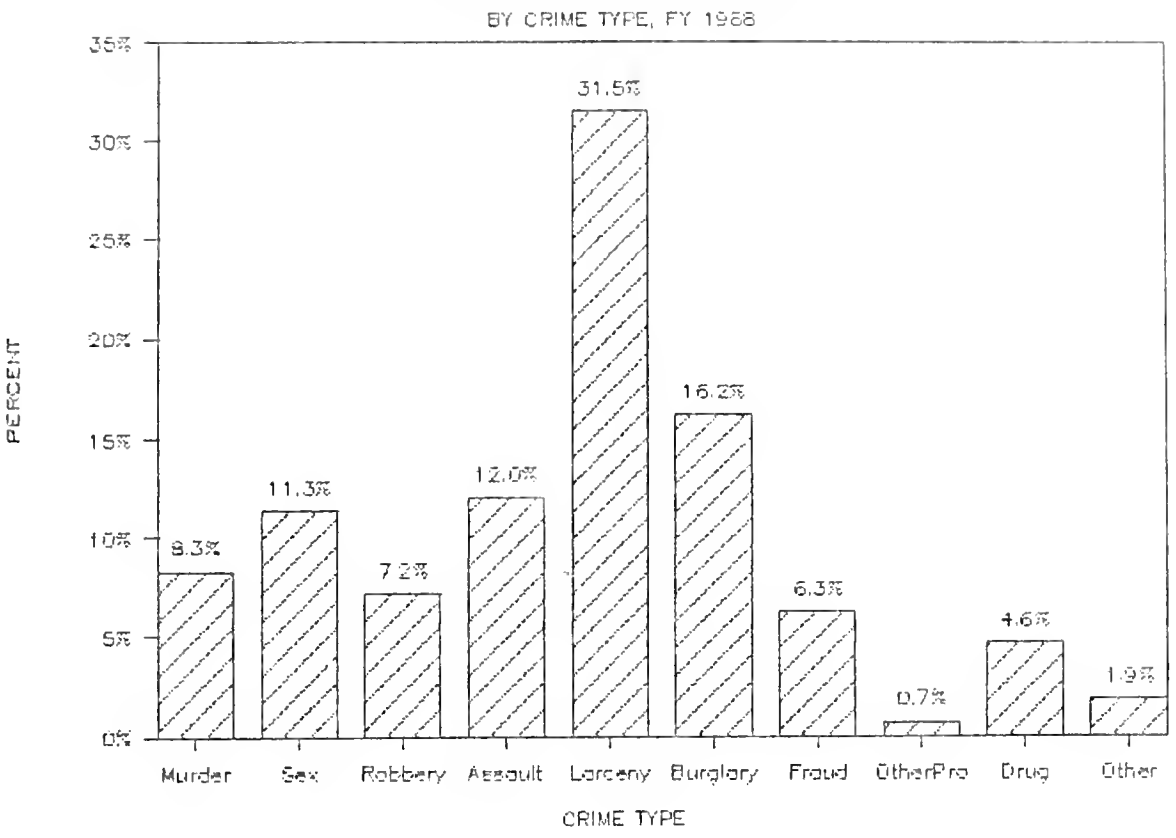

Table 6

INMATE ADMISSIONS TO MONTANA STATE PRISON: FY 1988
BY AGE AND CRIME TYPE

Age	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
25<	7	11	8	15	61	37	9	0	6	4	158
26-30	8	7	12	13	29	19	6	0	5	1	100
31-35	8	11	5	8	23	10	2	2	3	1	73
36-40	5	6	2	9	17	2	4	1	4	1	51
>40	8	14	4	7	6	2	6	0	2	1	50
Total	36	49	31	52	136	70	27	3	20	8	432

- 61.1 percent of admissions to Montana State Prison (MSP) or the Women's Correctional Center (WCC) to date in Fiscal Year 1988 are for nonviolent crimes; 54.6 percent for a property crime. (Nonviolent crimes include property crimes, drug crimes, and other crimes.)

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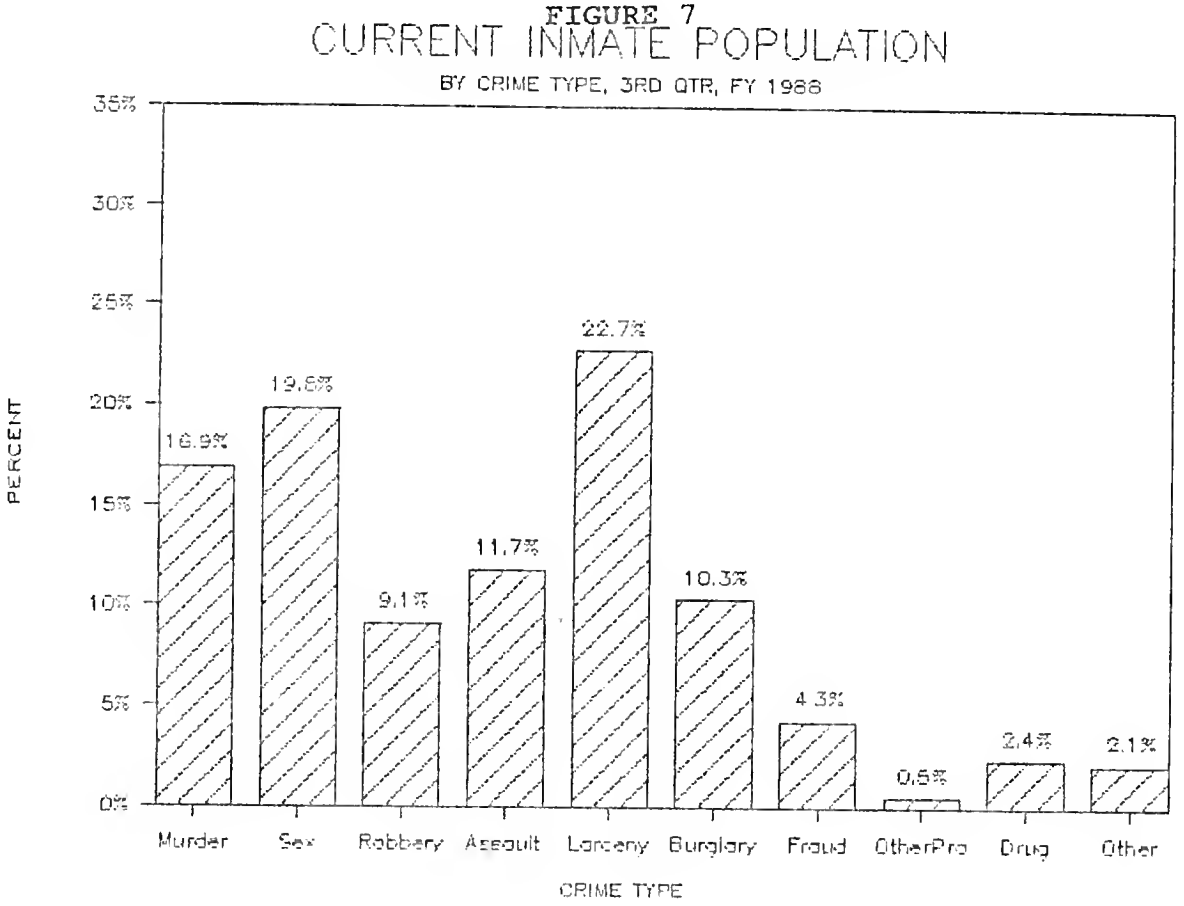

TABLE 7
CURRENT INMATE POPULATION AT MSP: 3RD QTR, FY 1988
BY AGE AND CRIME TYPE

Age	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
25<	30	35	17	32	111	63	14	1	6	8	317
26-30	41	32	28	44	60	33	8	0	7	4	257
31-35	51	50	33	20	41	18	7	2	4	4	230
36-40	36	46	12	20	29	6	8	1	6	4	168
>40	47	77	20	26	34	5	15	2	6	6	238
Total	205	240	110	142	275	125	52	6	29	26	1210

- 42.4 percent of inmates during the third quarter of Fiscal Year 1988 were convicted of nonviolent crimes; 37.9 percent were convicted of a property crime.

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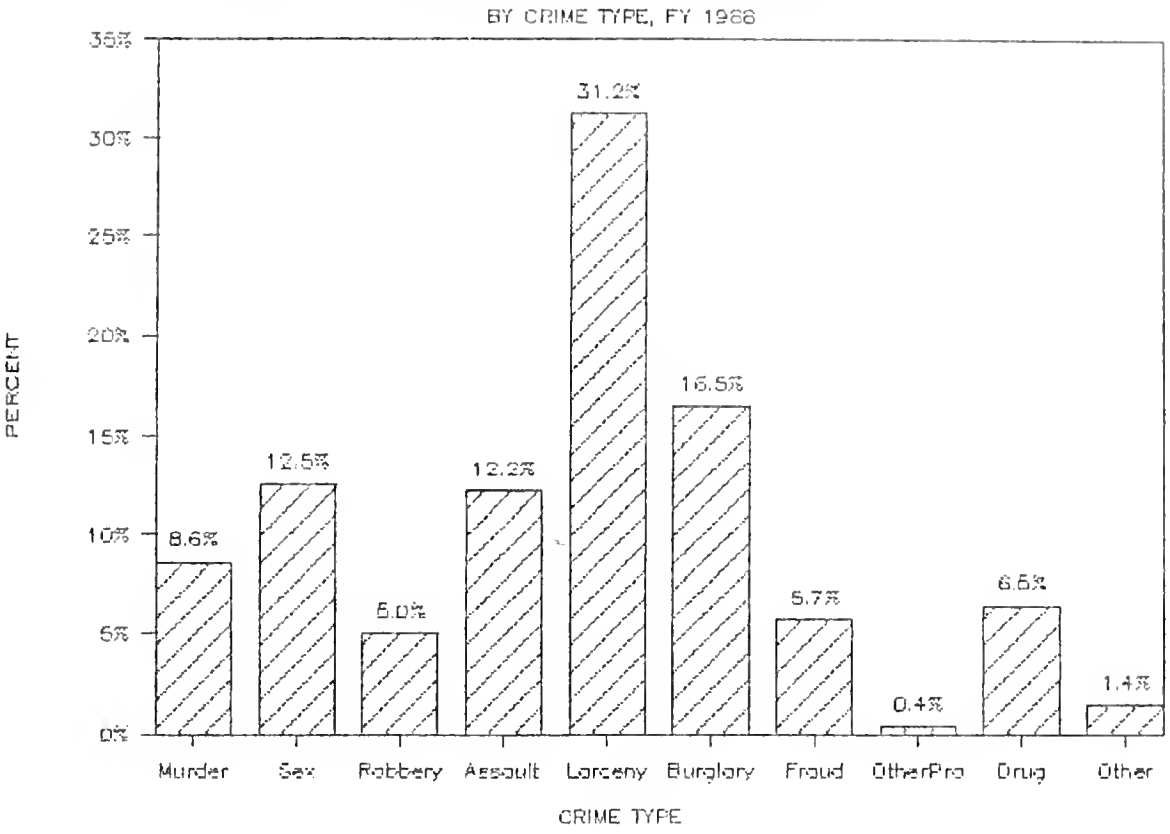

TABLE 8
ADMISSIONS ON 1ST INCARCERATION: FY 1988
BY AGE AND CRIME TYPE

Age	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
25<	5	8	6	13	48	31	8	0	6	3	128
26-30	7	5	5	6	17	8	4	0	4	1	57
31-35	5	9	1	7	9	7	1	1	2	0	42
36-40	2	3	0	5	9	0	1	0	4	0	24
>40	5	10	2	3	4	0	2	0	2	0	28
Total	24	35	14	34	87	46	16	1	18	4	279

- A 1st Incarceration refers to an inmate who is incarcerated in prison for the first time, including any incarcerations in other states.
- 64.6 percent of inmates admitted to date in Fiscal Year 1988 have been admitted to prison for the first time.

FIGURE 9

CURRENT POPULATION: 1ST INCARCERATION

BY CRIME TYPE, 3RD QTR, FY 1988

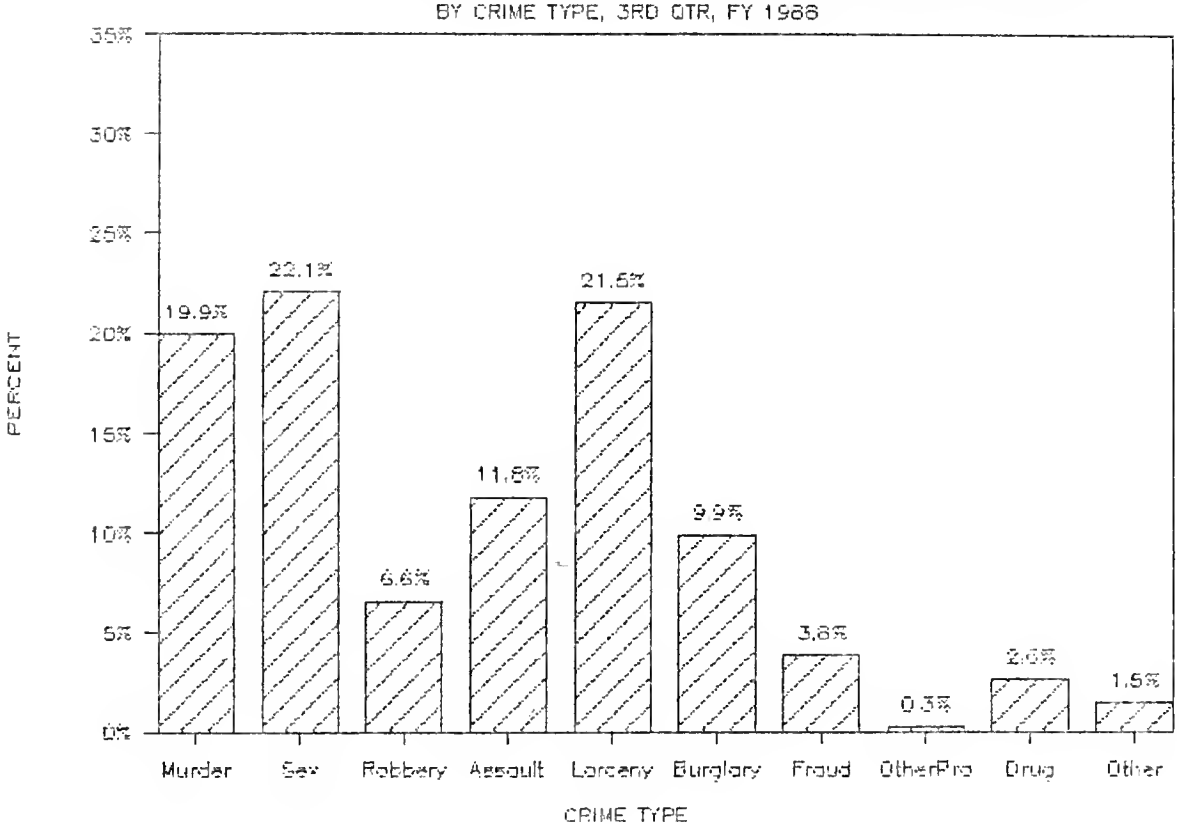

TABLE 9

CURRENT POPULATION--1ST INCARCERATION: 3RD QTR, FY 1988

BY AGE AND CRIME TYPE

Age	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
25<	25	32	13	28	89	50	12	1	5	5	260
26-30	31	22	12	27	30	11	5	0	5	2	145
31-35	38	36	14	11	15	10	3	1	1	1	130
36-40	22	30	5	7	12	2	4	0	5	1	88
>40	35	47	6	16	17	2	5	0	4	2	134
Total	151	167	50	89	163	75	29	2	20	11	757

- 62.6 percent of inmates currently incarcerated are in prison for the first time.
- 60.4 percent of inmates who are in prison for the first time have convictions of murder, sex crimes, robbery, or assault.

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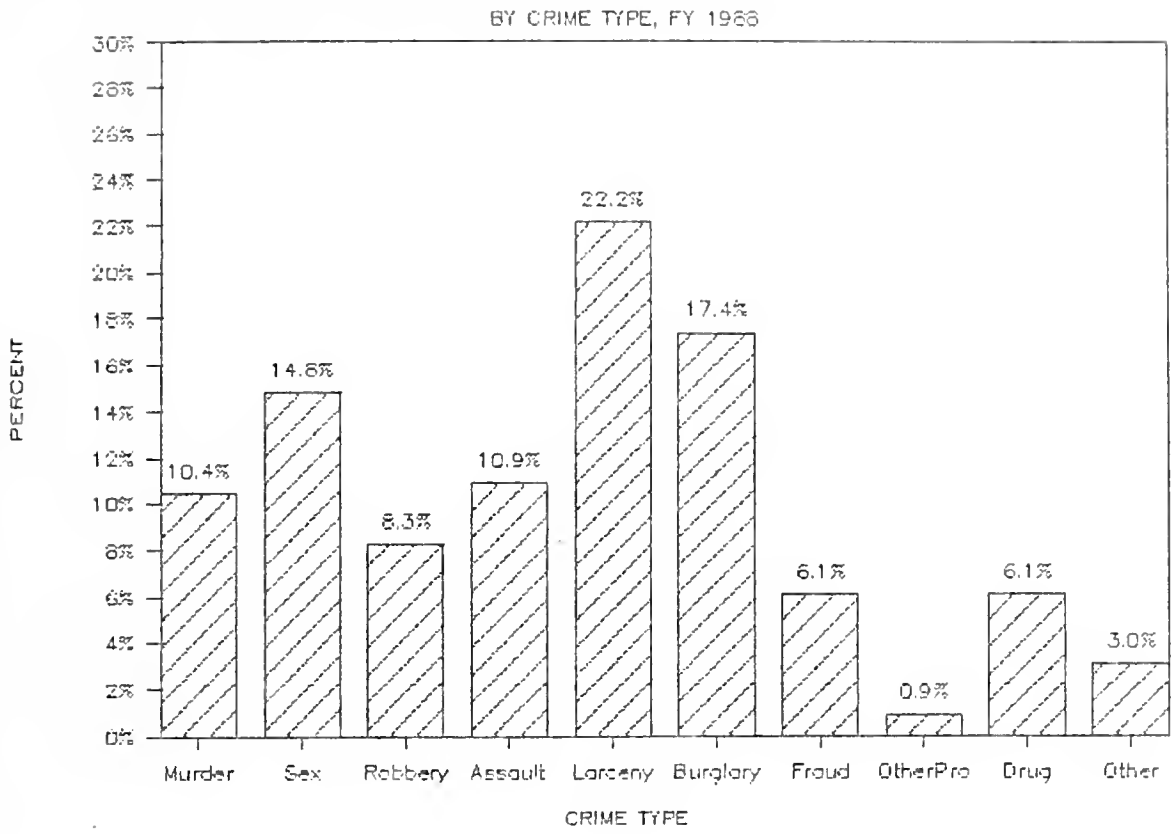

TABLE 10
ADMISSIONS ON 1ST MONTANA CONVICTION: FY 1988
BY AGE AND CRIME TYPE

Age	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
25<	6	9	7	10	23	26	6	0	4	4	95
26-30	4	2	8	5	11	9	3	0	4	1	47
31-35	6	8	0	5	7	4	1	1	2	1	35
36-40	2	3	2	3	7	1	1	1	2	0	22
>40	6	12	2	2	3	0	3	0	2	1	31
Total	24	34	19	25	51	40	14	2	14	7	230

- A 1st Montana felony conviction refers to an inmate who is incarcerated in prison on his/her first felony conviction in Montana. However, an inmate may have other felony convictions in other states.

- 53.2 percent of the inmates admitted to MSP or WCC in Fiscal Year 1988 have been incarcerated on their first Montana felony conviction.

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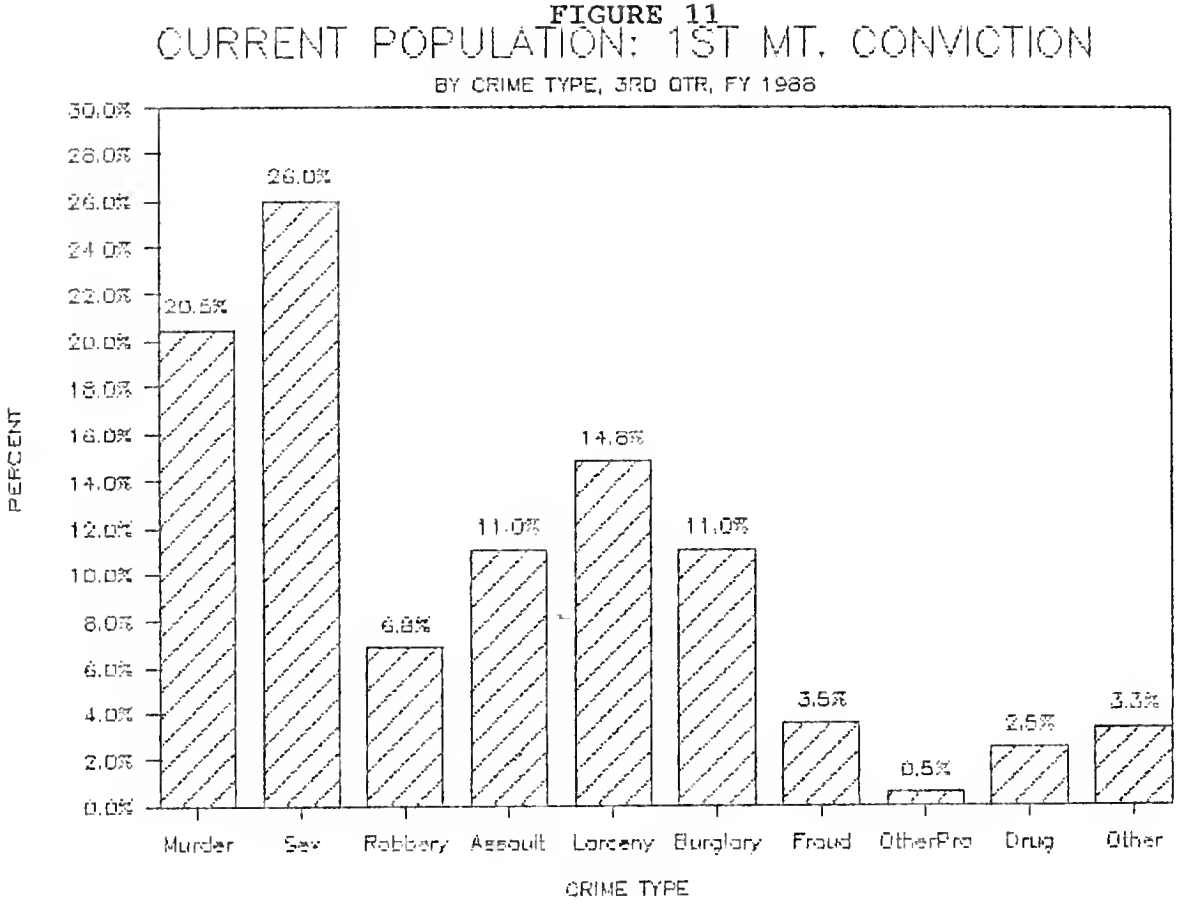

TABLE 11
CURRENT POPULATION--1ST MONTANA CONVICTION: 3RD QTR, FY 1988
BY AGE AND CRIME TYPE

Age	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
25<	18	22	10	17	39	39	6	0	2	5	158
26-30	23	15	11	20	16	12	5	0	3	4	109
31-35	29	28	7	8	8	9	1	1	3	3	97
36-40	23	31	5	7	11	4	4	1	3	2	91
>40	30	60	8	14	15	2	5	1	4	6	145
Total	123	156	41	66	89	66	21	3	15	20	600

- 64.3 percent of the inmates in prison upon their first Montana felony conviction have convictions of murder, sex crimes, robbery, or assault.

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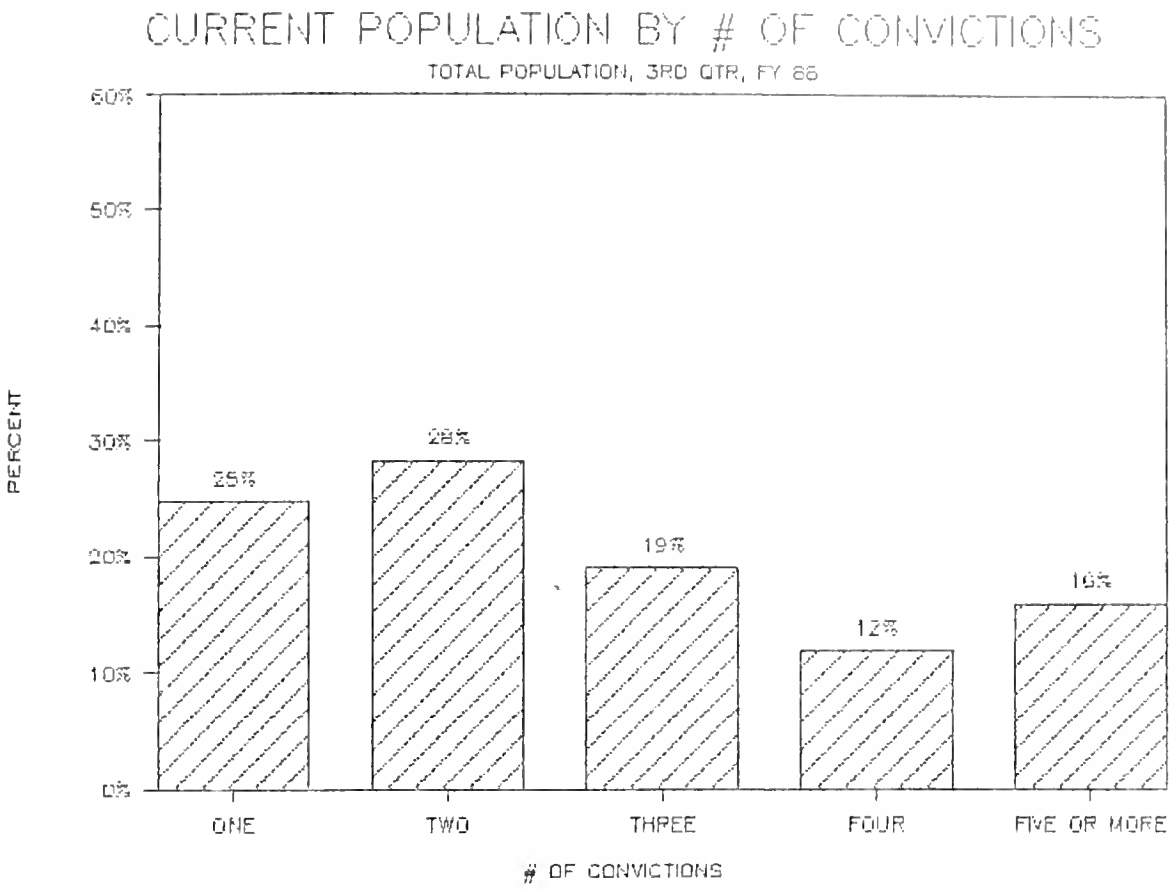

TABLE 12
CURRENT INMATE POPULATION: NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS
3RD QTR, FY 1988

#Conv	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
One	55	93	21	20	39	33	11	2	12	14	300
Two	64	65	26	49	63	45	16	2	8	5	343
Three	32	42	16	31	57	25	14	2	6	5	230
Four	27	15	17	25	39	13	5	0	1	2	144
Five>	27	25	30	17	77	9	6	0	2	0	193
Total	205	240	110	142	275	125	52	6	29	26	1210

- 53.1 percent of all inmates currently in prison have one or two convictions.

FIGURE 13

CURRENT POPULATION BY # OF CONVICTIONS

1ST INCARCERATIONS, 3RD QTR, FY 88

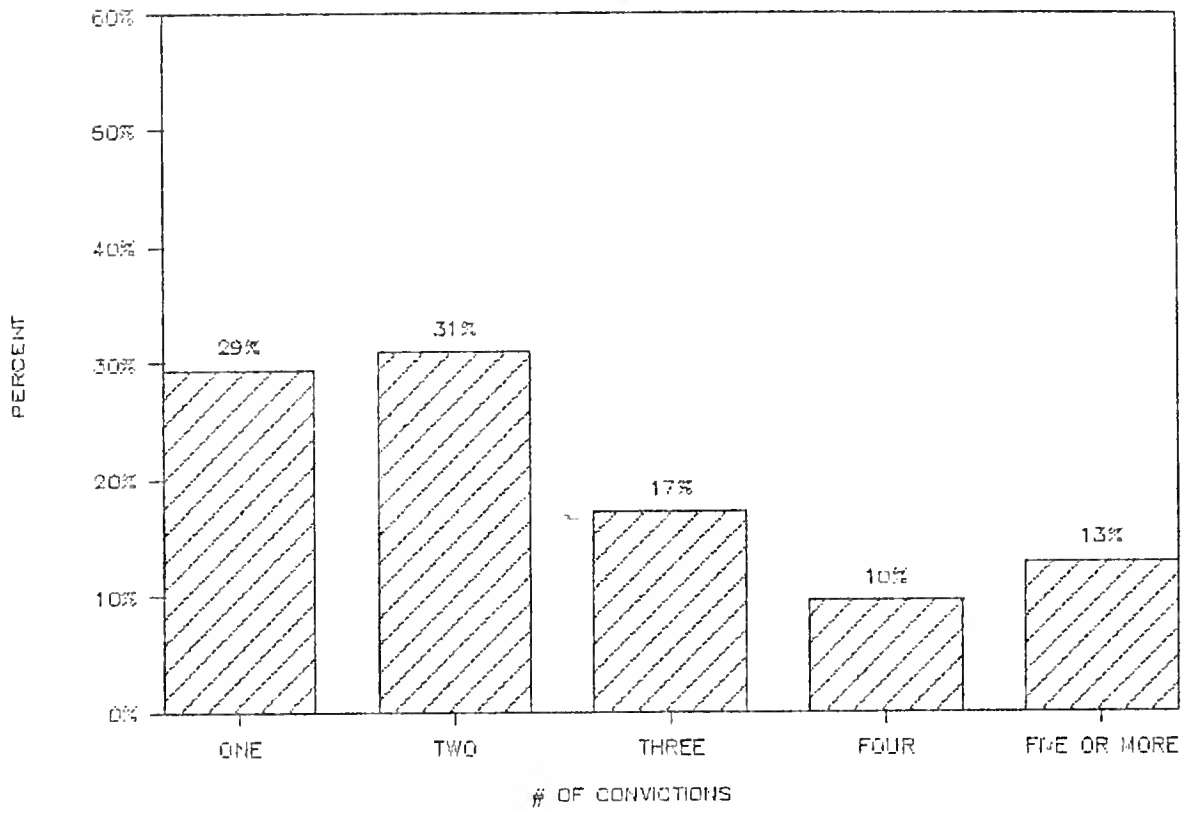

TABLE 13

1ST INCARCERATION POPULATION: NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS

3RD QTR, FY 1988

#Conv	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
One	47	77	13	16	23	22	7	1	10	7	223
Two	50	46	13	33	46	29	9	1	5	2	234
Three	20	25	4	18	35	15	8	0	3	2	130
Four	17	5	9	14	16	8	2	0	1	0	72
Five>	17	14	11	8	43	1	3	0	1	0	98
Total	151	167	50	89	163	75	29	2	20	11	757

- 60.4 percent of inmates who are in prison for the first time have one or two convictions.

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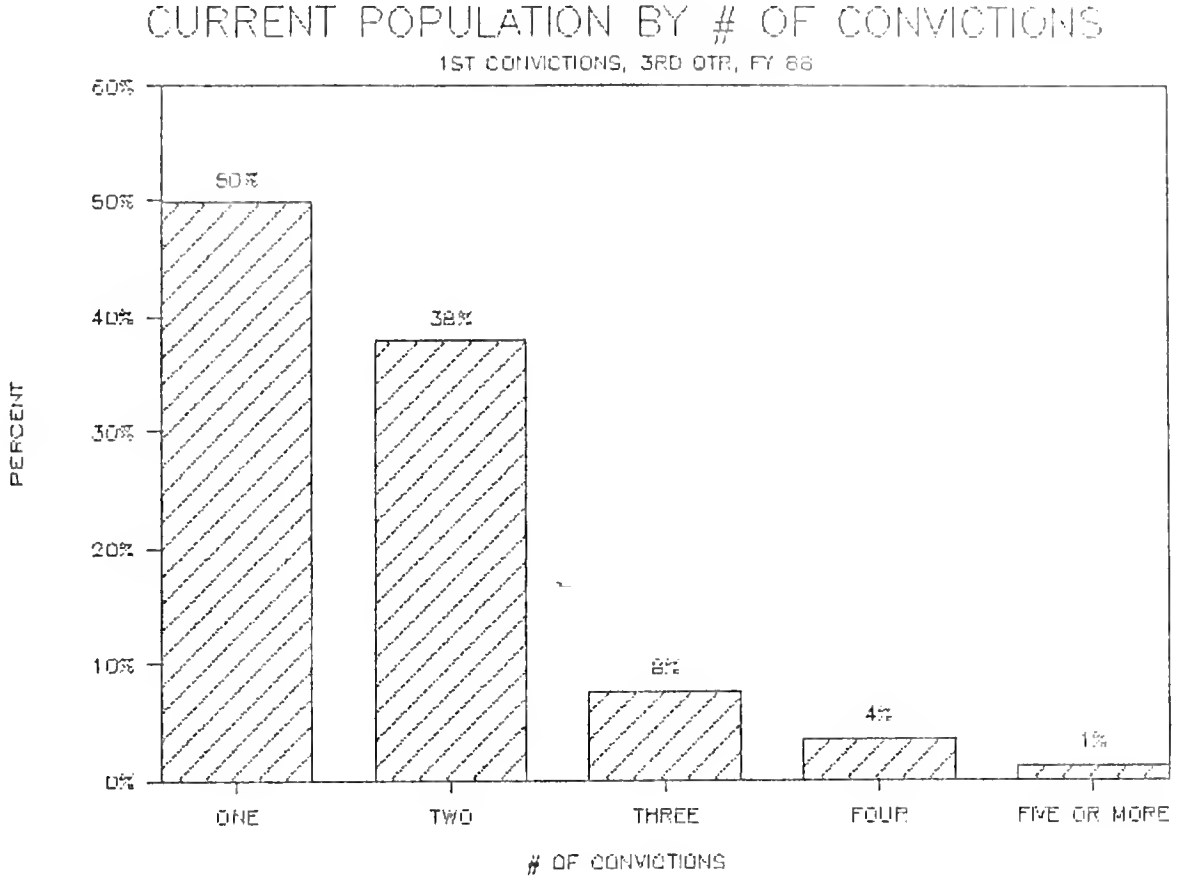

TABLE 14
1ST CONVICTION POPULATION: NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS
3RD QTR, FY 1988

#Conv	Mur	Sex	Rob	Ass	Lar	Bur	Fra	OtP	Dru	Oth	Tot
One	55	93	21	20	39	33	11	2	11	14	299
Two	49	41	16	36	41	27	9	1	3	4	227
Three	8	14	2	7	6	6	1	0	1	1	46
Four	8	6	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	21
Five>	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Total	123	156	41	66	89	66	21	3	15	20	600

- 87.7 percent of inmates incarcerated in prison upon their first Montana felony conviction have one or two convictions.
- Only 4.7 percent of inmates incarcerated in prison upon their first Montana felony convictions have four or more convictions.

TABLE 15
INMATE ADMISSIONS BY COUNTY OF SENTENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1988 (THROUGH 3/31/88)

County	Inmates	Percent of Total	County	Inmates	Percent of Total
Beaverhead	7	1.7%	Meagher	0	0.0%
Big Horn	5	1.2%	Mineral	3	0.7%
Blaine	4	1.0%	Missoula	48	11.7%
Broadwater	2	0.5%	Musselshell	1	0.2%
Carbon	0	0.0%	Park	8	1.9%
Carter	0	0.0%	Petroleum	0	0.0%
Cascade	49	11.9%	Phillips	0	0.0%
Chouteau	0	0.0%	Pondera	1	0.2%
Custer	5	1.2%	Powder River	0	0.0%
Daniels	1	0.2%	Powell	3	0.7%
Dawson	13	3.2%	Prairie	1	0.2%
Deer Lodge	1	0.2%	Ravalli	9	2.2%
Fallon	1	0.2%	Richland	11	2.7%
Fergus	2	0.5%	Roosevelt	3	0.7%
Flathead	32	7.8%	Rosebud	4	1.0%
Gallatin	9	2.2%	Sanders	4	1.0%
Garfield	0	0.0%	Sheridan	0	0.0%
Glacier	5	1.2%	Silver Bow	14	3.4%
Golden Valley	0	0.0%	Stillwater	4	1.0%
Granite	0	0.0%	Sweet Grass	1	0.2%
Hill	10	2.4%	Teton	1	0.2%
Jefferson	6	1.5%	Toole	1	0.2%
Judith Basin	0	0.0%	Treasure	1	0.2%
Lake	19	4.6%	Valley	3	0.7%
Lewis & Clark	39	9.5%	Wheatland	2	0.5%
Liberty	1	0.2%	Wibaux	0	0.0%
Lincoln	9	2.2%	Yellowstone	56	13.6%
McCone	0	0.0%	Other State	12	2.9%
Madison	0	0.0%			
			Total	411	100.0%

Source: Adult Correctional Information System (ACIS).

TABLE 16
CURRENT INMATE POPULATION BY COUNTY OF SENTENCE
THIRD QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 1988

County	Inmates	Percent of Total	County	Inmates	Percent of Total
Beaverhead	15	1.2%	Meagher	0	0.0%
Big Horn	9	0.7%	Mineral	5	0.4%
Blaine	7	0.6%	Missoula	132	10.9%
Broadwater	8	0.7%	Musselshell	5	0.4%
Carbon	1	0.1%	Park	12	1.0%
Carter	3	0.2%	Petroleum	0	0.0%
Cascade	135	11.2%	Phillips	4	0.3%
Chouteau	0	0.0%	Pondera	3	0.2%
Custer	16	1.3%	Powder River	0	0.0%
Daniels	1	0.1%	Powell	74	6.1%
Dawson	23	1.9%	Prairie	2	0.2%
Deer Lodge	9	0.7%	Ravalli	31	2.6%
Fallon	1	0.1%	Richland	20	1.7%
Fergus	5	0.4%	Roosevelt	8	0.7%
Flathead	84	7.0%	Rosebud	11	0.9%
Gallatin	30	2.5%	Sanders	10	0.8%
Garfield	1	0.1%	Sheridan	2	0.2%
Glacier	9	0.7%	Silver Bow	36	3.0%
Golden Valley	0	0.0%	Stillwater	7	0.6%
Granite	1	0.1%	Sweet Grass	3	0.2%
Hill	17	1.4%	Teton	3	0.2%
Jefferson	12	1.0%	Toole	6	0.5%
Judith Basin	0	0.0%	Treasure	4	0.3%
Lake	61	5.1%	Valley	6	0.5%
Lewis & Clark	73	6.1%	Wheatland	3	0.2%
Liberty	3	0.2%	Wibaux	0	0.0%
Lincoln	41	3.4%	Yellowstone	194	16.1%
McCone	0	0.0%	Other State	53	4.4%
Madison	7	0.6%			
			Total	1206	100.0%

Source: Adult Correctional Information System (ACIS).

TABLE 17
TOTAL POPULATION BY COUNTY
(JULY 1, 1986)

County	Estimated Population	Percent of Total	County	Estimated Population	Percent of Total
Beaverhead	8500	1.0%	Madison	5700	0.7%
Big Horn	11700	1.4%	Meagher	2200	0.3%
Blaine	6900	0.8%	Mineral	3700	0.5%
Broadwater	3500	0.4%	Missoula	77700	9.5%
Carbon	8500	1.0%	Musselshell	4600	0.6%
Carter	1700	0.2%	Park	13200	1.6%
Cascade	79400	9.7%	Petroleum	600	0.1%
Chouteau	5900	0.7%	Phillips	5500	0.7%
Custer	13200	1.6%	Pondera	6700	0.8%
Daniels	2600	0.3%	Powder River	2400	0.3%
Dawson	11400	1.4%	Powell	6900	0.8%
Deer Lodge	10700	1.3%	Prairie	1700	0.2%
Fallon	3600	0.4%	Ravalli	25000	3.1%
Fergus	12500	1.5%	Richland	13400	1.6%
Flathead	57800	7.1%	Roosevelt	11700	1.4%
Gallatin	47800	5.8%	Rosebud	12300	1.5%
Garfield	1700	0.2%	Sanders	8900	1.1%
Glacier	11200	1.4%	Sheridan	5700	0.7%
Golden Valley	1100	0.1%	Silver Bow	34000	4.2%
Granite	2700	0.3%	Stillwater	6200	0.8%
Hill	18000	2.2%	Sweet Grass	3300	0.4%
Jefferson	8100	1.0%	Teton	6400	0.8%
Judith Basin	2600	0.3%	Toole	5500	0.7%
Lake	20600	2.5%	Treasure	1000	0.1%
Lewis & Clark	46400	5.7%	Valley	9300	1.1%
Liberty	2400	0.3%	Wheatland	2200	0.3%
Lincoln	18600	2.3%	Wibaux	1300	0.2%
McCone	2500	0.3%	Yellowstone	120100	14.7%
			Total	818900	100.0%

Source: United States Census Bureau.